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Senator Lesser, Chair Representative Scanlon, Chair Senator Hartley, Vice Chair Representative Dathan, Vice Chair Insurance and Real Estate Committee Legislative Office Building, Room 2800 Hartford, CT 06106

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 7124 AND \$8 838

Dear Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon, and esteemed members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I write in support of HB 7124, An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds, and SB 838, An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage and Cost-Sharing for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.

In the 2018 legislative session, a similar proposal was introduced, but it did not include provisions including coverage for ultrasounds, a critical preventive tool for women at increased risk for breast cancer. This is particularly true for women with dense breast tissue, who need the extra level of screening that an ultrasound can provide. By establishing that these ultrasounds be covered as preventive care, we can assure that women in this situation truly have access to the ultrasound screening they need, and will materially improve their health and care.

Thank you.

Sincerely.

Maria Horn

State Representative

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